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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF:

Applicant:	Gan-Lin CHEN et al.)	
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Serial No.	09/998,317)	Group Art Unit: 1732
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Filing Date:	December 3, 2001)	Examiner: Stephen J. Lechert Jr.
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For:	METHOD FOR)	Customer No.
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	NON-GELATIN)	
	PHARMACEUTICAL)	26694
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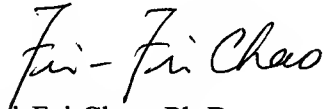
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2004, Applicant hereby responds to the Restriction Requirement by electing Group I, Claims 1-11, drawn to a method of making a hard capsule shell, classified in class 264, subclass 330, with traverse. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider to withdraw the Restriction Order.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fei-Fei Chao".

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